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SUBJ: NUCLEAR EXPORT CONTROLS ON HIGHLY ENRICHED
URANIUM (HEU)

REF: OCTOBER 21 TELCON

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTELCON, EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR INFORMALLY REQUESTED FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY(BMFT) TO IDENTIFY EXPORT REQUEST FOR 1.871 KG HEU PLACED BY TRANSNUCLEAIRE. BMFT REPORTED THAT THIS ORDER IS CONTRACT E-US-EU-144 AND THAT EUROPAISCHES TRANSURANE INSTITUT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECT (LOCATED AT GERMAN KARLSRUHE NUCLEAR CENTER BUT NOT A PART OF IT). BMFT RECOMMENDED EMBASSY CONTACT THE INSTITUT DIRECTLY IF WE HAD QUESTIONS.

2. S&T COUNSELOR THEN TELEPHONED PROFESSOR LINDNER, DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN TRANSURANIUM INSTITUTE AND EXPLAINED THAT USG DESIRED TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF EXPORT REQUESTS FOR HEU. WE BELIEVED A STATEMENT SIGNED BY A RESPONSIBLE SCIENTIFIC OFFICIAL WHICH CERTIFIED THAT THE URANIUM NEEDED MUST BE HIGHLY ENRICHED FOR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL OR ECONOMIC
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REASONS, WOULD ASSIST PROCESSING THE INSTITUTE'S

APPLICATION FOR 1.871 KG OF 93.3 PERCENT U-235.
EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT DR. LINDNER CONSIDER THE TEXT
OF SUCH A CERTIFICATE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SIGN.
EMBOFF ALSO REQUESTED ALL AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION
ABOUT SCIENTIFIC NATURE OF PROJECT.

3. LINDNER RESPONDED THAT THE INSTITUTE'S APPLICATION
FOR THE HEU HAD INCLUDED SUCH A JUSTIFICATION. HE
ARRANGED FOR DR. LESSER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
PROJECT, TO TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY. LESSER CONFIRMED
THAT ORDER FOR HEU HAD INCLUDED AN "END USER STATEMENT"
WHICH DISCUSSED THE SCIENTIFIC NEED FOR HEU. WE
ASKED LESSER TO SEND ALL RELEVANT BACKGROUND MATERIAL
AND TO ASK DR. LINDNER TO PROVIDE A SIGNED COPY OF
THIS CERTIFICATE. LESSER AGREED TO DO SO.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD MATERIAL AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

5. PLEASE NOTE THAT FRG SCIENTISTS AND OFFICIALS
WHO REQUIRE HEU FROM US ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO THE
SLIGHTEST IMPLICATION OF AN US EMBARGO. WE RECOMMEND
CAUTION IN EXPLORING ANY NEW PROCEDURES FOR EXPORT
CONTROLS.
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